



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



1st Sunday in Advent : Year A
1st December 2019

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Parish Emergency Number 4732 3039

Office Hours 9am - 5 pm

Lunch 1pm –1.30 pm (**Office closed**)

Reconciliation:

Saturday 9.30am - 10.30am and 5.00pm - 5.45pm

Adoration: After Saturday Morning Mass

Baptisms & Marriages by appointment only

Marriage Prep courses can be booked at Parish Office.

Parish Schools :

St Nicholas Primary Principal : Ms Anita Knezevic
4752 3300

St Mary Mackillop Primary Principal : Mr Scott Buchan
4724 3200

Ina & Norm Heffernan - RCIA Coordinators :
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Celebrating the feast day of our Patron - St Nicholas of Myra

Come, share the joy, generosity and gift giving of St Nicholas (modern day Santa Claus) with our parish community.

On Sunday, December 8th, all parishioners are invited for a morning tea after the 10:00 a.m Mass.

Bring a plate or two of your traditional cakes, cookies, sweets and delicacies to share. Tell a story or two about you and 'Santa'.



Together with a culture of work, there must be a culture of leisure as gratification. To put it another way: people who work must take the time to relax, to be with their families, to enjoy themselves, read, listen to music, play a sport.

Pope Francis

PARISH OUTREACH / DIOCESAN OUTREACH

	Weekend Mass
Saturday	6.00p.m. Vigil
Sunday	7.00a.m. 8.30am 10.00a.m. 6.00p.m.
	Weekday Mass
Monday	9.30 a.m.
Tuesday	6.45 a.m. & 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday	9.30 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.
Thursday	9.30 a.m.
Friday	6.45 a.m. & 12.10 p.m.
Saturday	9.00 a.m.
Healing Mass	9.00a.m. 1st Saturday of month
Filipino:	11.00a.m. 1st Saturday of month

Hospital & Nursing Home Masses

- ◆ **Governor Phillip Manor** 1st Wednesday of each month at 2p.m.
- ◆ **Mountain View Village** 1st Friday of each month at 10a.m.
- ◆ **Nepean Hospital** every Friday at Midday
- ◆ **Summit Care (Jamison Gardens)** 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10.30a.m.
- ◆ **Newmarch Nursing Home** 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10.30a.m.
- ◆ **Lemongrove Gardens** 10.30 a.m. 1st Tuesday in January, March, May, July, Sept, November
- ◆ **Edinglassie Lodge** 10.30 a.m. 1st Tuesday in Feb, April, June, August, October, December

On Sunday 8th December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, there will be an "Hour of Grace" at 12 noon in Hall 1. All welcome.

Roster for the next six months is being prepared. Please send any changes to Jacinta at enquiries@stnicholasofmyra.com.au at your earliest convenience.

Please pray for Matthew Edmunds, Arlette Marie Therese Griplas, Frank & Joseph Mintoff, Zarrino & Boscaziol families, Max Silvy and Murray Ware whose anniversaries occur at this time and for all those whose names have been entered in the Book of Remembrance. May they hear the words of forgiveness and welcome in the glory of heaven.

Please pray for sick : Maya Betar, Charlie Camenzuli, Joan Cassidy, Marie Claire Clement, John Daniel, Darren Gallagher, Milly Gallagher, Maria James, Maria Teresa Limbaga, Jane McCann, Amani Nemattala, Fr Peter Njau, C.S.Sp, Anthony Pace, Joan Renshaw, Denise Ryman, Michael Sealy, Harry Slaughter, Elizabeth Sutherland, Fidelis Winkle, Denis Woodward, Joe Xuereb, Daniel Young and Kathy Young.

St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Hampers

The Penrith Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society invites parishioners to prepare Christmas hampers for the poor and disadvantaged families in the Penrith Area.

Hampers will need to be returned to the Parish Meeting Room 1 on: **Saturday 7th Dec or Sunday 8th December.** Approximately 1 hour before or after each Mass.

Vacancy : Maintenance Worker at Schoenstatt

Sisters of Mary, Mulgoa . Please contact Kathryn Yates 4773 8338 Ext 4. For more details see the Noticeboard in the Foyer of the church. Applications close 10th December.

THIS WEEK AT ST NICHOLAS

Tuesday 3rd December St Francis Xavier

10.30 am : Legion of Mary (PMR1)

11.30 am : AA Meeting (Hall)

7 pm Prayer Meeting (Hall) (2nd & last Tuesdays)

Saturday 7th December St Ambrose

Penrith Family Support Christmas Present Drive

The Family Support team at CatholicCare are accepting donations of gifts for their clients (0 – 17 years of age).

If you wish to donate, please place gifts inside a Christmas gift bag (please do not wrap) and drop it off at our Penrith office, located in the premises of St. Nicholas of Myra church at 326 High Street, Penrith.

Last date to donate is Monday 16th December, 2019 by 5p.m.

Thanking you.

CatholicCare Staff

Tel:(02)8843 2580



This week we farewell two employees who have made a significant and wonderful contribution to the Parish Team. Ursula Gomez will retire after many years offering her services as Admin Assistant and Colleen Nicholas will go on to pursue her counselling career at Connections Counselling. We thank them for their outstanding service to the Parish and wish them well with their future endeavours! If you wish to say goodbye or thank you, we will formally farewell them at the Feast of St Nic's Mass on 8 December at 10a.m.



PARISH OUTREACH



St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, in Penrith,

*is organizing a Cherry-picking trip to
Orange together with the Young at
Heart (over 50 s)*

on the 18th of December and the big Bus will leave
the parish parking lot at 8 a.m and will be back by 5 p.m
on the same day. The trip will cost \$ 65.00, Including coffee,
lunch at RSL in Orange. Please call the parish office on
47212509 to book your seat. The cost is calculated based on
the minimum total of 40 people.

Meeting Highlights of Acolytes, senior servers, Extra- ordinary ministers of communion, word and commentators:

- ◆ Communion in both specious to start from Feb-
ruary 2020 for 6 p.m Vigil and 10 a.m Masses.
- ◆ Need for new ministers for communion and new
ministers at the altar.
- ◆ Finding replacement if not able to come for the
rostered Masses.
- ◆ Yearly social gathering for Ministers- day outing,
barbeque etc.
- ◆ More involvement for taking communion to
home bound and sick.
- ◆ Appropriate dress code to observe when come
to distribute communion or read during Mass.
- ◆ In case of emergency arise during services main-
taining calmness.

Parish Roster 7/8 December 2019

Vigil : Acolytes :	J Buttigieg, H McCann
Altar Servers :	G Nematic
Comm. Rep : E Sicam	Reader : J Doman
Eucharist Ministers:	F Keuneman, A Linga, M Svehla
Music : Billy	AV : S Dias
7 a.m : Acolytes :	J Sweeney
Altar Server :	
Comm.Rep : Alison Johnson	Reader: J French
Eucharist Ministers :	S Sweeney, J McSpadden
	AV : B Rees
8.30 a.m : Acolytes :	J Jordan, J Relunia
Altar Servers :	E & L Loughlan-Larsen
Comm. Rep : E Isaaks	Reader : O Plucinski
Eucharist Ministers :	Y Baccan, R Bryan, G Burns, B Keavy,
M Cobden, M Nyss, P Wheller	
Music : CD	AV : Tuckers
10 a.m : Acolytes :	J Simeon
Altar Servers :	M Johnson, B Powell
Comm. Rep : P Samuelu	Reader : M Varua
Eucharist Ministers :	M Knox, D Streher, J Vella
Music : AMDG Adult	AV: Zamanda
6 p.m : Acolytes :	M Tolentino
Altar Servers :	X Whalen
Comm. Rep : N Joseph	Reader : J Fackson
Eucharist Minsters :	C Clark, C D'Mello, K Wrightson
Music : Couples for Christ	AV : S Shahoud



RCIA News

During the Vigil Mass last Saturday evening we conducted two Rites which are part of the RCIA process leading to the Sacraments of Initiation at the coming Easter Vigil.



We introduced to our community
Joe Chen, and Erin Ball.

Joe was received into the **Order of Catechumens**, and will be baptised and also receive the Sacraments of

Confirmation and Eucharist at the coming Easter Vigil.

Erin was introduced during The **Rite of Welcome**, and we celebrate that she has already been baptised in another Christian Tradition. Erin will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.



Please make them welcome and keep them in your prayers as we journey with them to Easter and beyond.

For more information on RCIA:

Ina & Norman Heffernan 4732 1750



Young at Heart (over 50s) Christmas gathering and Christmas Lunch will

take place **on**

Wednesday, the

4th of December at 11 am onwards in
PMR1. We invite everyone who are over 50s to come
and join for the Christmas gathering.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

Help vulnerable people in crisis turn their lives around, recover and thrive. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help Catholic Care to connect people with support and services to build strong foundations for self-sufficiency, fulfilling family relationships and brighter futures. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal this weekend.



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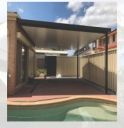
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